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2D SESSION

S. 2815

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 1966

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To establish a joint congressional committee to make a continuing study and investigation of the activities and operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Joint Committee on
4 the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1966".

5 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE
6 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

7 SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established a Joint Com-
8 mittee on the Central Intelligence Agency (hereinafter re-
9 ferred to as the "joint committee") which shall be composed

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1 of six Members of the Senate and six Members from the
2 House of Representatives, selected as follows:

3 (1) Two members of the joint committee shall be
4 members of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate,
5 and two members of the joint committee shall be members
6 of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives;

8 (2) Two members of the joint committee shall be mem-
9 bers of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, and
10 two members of the joint committee shall be members of the
11 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representa-
12 tives; and

13 (3) Two members of the joint committee shall be mem-
14 bers of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
15 and two members of the joint committee shall be members
16 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 (b) Members of the joint committee selected from each
19 such standing committee of the Senate shall be appointed by
20 the President of the Senate and members of the joint com-
21 mittee selected from each such standing committee of the
22 House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker
23 of the House of Representatives. One member appointed
24 from each such standing committee shall be a member of
25 the majority party of the House of Congress of which he is

1 a Member and one member from each such standing com-
2 mittee shall be a member of the minority party of the House
3 of Congress of which he is a Member.

4 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and a
5 vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of
6 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in place of the
7 chairman in the absence of the chairman. The chairman-
8 ship shall alternate between the Senate and the House of
9 Representatives with each Congress. The chairman shall be
10 chosen by the Members from the House which is entitled to
11 the chairmanship, and the vice chairman shall be chosen
12 from the House other than that of the chairman by
13 the Members from that House.

14 (d) Vacancies in the membership of the joint committee
15 shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to
16 execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
17 filled in the same manner in which original appointments
18 thereto are made.

19 INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES

20 SEC. 3. (a) It shall be the duty of the joint committee
21 to conduct a continuing study and investigation of any and
22 all matters relating to the intelligence activities and opera-
23 tions carried out by the Central Intelligence Agency.

24 (b) The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
25 shall keep the joint committee fully and currently informed

1 with respect to all intelligence activities and operations car-
2 ried out by the Central Intelligence Agency and shall furnish
3 to the joint committee such specific information regarding the
4 activities and operations of the Central Intelligence Agency
5 as may be requested by the chairman of the joint committee.

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LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

7 SEC. 4. (a) The members of the joint committee who
8 are Members of the Senate and the members of the joint
9 committee who are Members of the House of Representatives
10 shall from time to time report the results of the study and
11 investigation of the joint committee to their respective
12 Houses.

13 (b) No proposed legislation shall be referred to the
14 joint committee and such committee shall not have the power
15 to report by bill, or otherwise have legislative jurisdiction.

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POWERS

17 SEC. 5. (a) In carrying out its duties under this Act,
18 the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee
19 thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings or investigations,
20 to sit and act within or outside the United States at such
21 places and times, to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the
22 attendance of such witnesses and the production of such
23 books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to
24 take such testimony, to procure such printing and binding,
25 and make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The

1 joint committee may make such rules respecting its organiza-
2 tion and procedures as it deems necessary.

3 (b) Subpenas may be issued over the signature of the
4 chairman of the joint committee or by any member desig-
5 nated by him or by the joint committee, and may be served
6 by such person or persons as may be designated by such
7 chairman or member. The chairman of the joint committee
8 or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.
9 The provisions of sections 102-104 of the Revised Statutes
10 shall apply in case of any failure of any witness to comply
11 with a subpoena or to testify when summoned under author-
12 ity of this section.

13 STAFF AND ASSISTANCE

14 SEC. 6. (a) The joint committee may appoint and fix
15 the compensation of such experts, consultants, technicians,
16 and staff employees as it deems necessary and advisable.

17 (b) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the
18 services, information, facilities, and personnel of any depart-
19 ment or agency of the United States, on a reimbursable
20 basis or otherwise, with the consent of the head of such
21 department or agency. With the consent of any standing,
22 select, or special committee of either House of the Congress,
23 or any subcommittee thereof, the joint committee may utilize
24 the facilities and the services of the staff of such committee
25 or subcommittee whenever the chairman of the joint com-

1 mittee determines that such action is necessary and appro-
2 priate.

3 EXPENSES

4 SEC. 7. (a) The expenses of the joint committee shall
5 be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate from funds
6 appropriated for the joint committee, upon vouchers ap-
7 proved by the chairman. The cost of stenographic service
8 to report public hearings shall not be in excess of the
9 amounts prescribed by law for reporting the hearings of
10 standing committees of the Senate. The cost of stenographic
11 service to report executive hearings shall be fixed at an
12 equitable rate by the joint committee.

13 (b) Members of the joint committee, and its employees
14 and consultants, while traveling on official business for the
15 joint committee within or outside the United States, may
16 receive either the per diem allowance authorized to be paid
17 to Members of the Congress or its employees, or their actual
18 and necessary expenses provided an itemized statement of
19 such expenses is attached to the voucher.

20 (c) There is authorized to be appropriated for each
21 fiscal year the sum of \$200,000 to pay the expenses of the
22 joint committee.

23 CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

24 SEC. 8. The joint committee may classify information
25 originating within the committee, in accordance with stand-

ards used generally by the executive branch of the Govern-
ment for classifying defense information.

RECORDS

4 SEC. 9. (a) The joint committee shall keep a complete
5 record of all committee actions, including a record of the
6 votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded.

(b) All committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the property of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of the joint committee or such other places as the joint committee may direct under such security safeguards as the joint committee shall determine to be required in the interest of the national defense and security.

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